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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON INTEGRITY OF SALVADORAN INVOLVEMENT  
IN ASSASSINATION OF HECTOR LOPEZ

IMPRESSION OF GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT  
VINICIO (CEREZO) IS COMMENT IS THAT HE DOES  
NOT HAVE EVIDENCE THAT SALVADORAN RIGHTISTS MASSASSINATED HECTOR  
(LOPEZ) AND ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE JUAN JOSE (RIVAS)  
LOPEZ AS MUCH AS HE WOULD LIKE TO AND MAY BELIEVE THAT  
THIS WAS THE CASE. INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL SOURCES AT THE  
EMBASSY, LEGAL ATTACHE, GUATEMALAN OFFICE IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA  
OF HECTOR (LOPEZ) DOES NOT  
LINK THE SALVADORAN ELEMENT TO THE TRIP OF ANY ONE BEYOND  
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TEXT

THE ASSASSINATION OF ROQUEL AND THE RACIAL BEGINNING OF  
PRIVATE EMBARRASMENTS TO THE CERZO GOVERNMENT AND HIS  
WIFE. YOU ASSUME CERZO WOULD TRY AND PLACE THE BLAME ELSE  
WHERE UNTIL CERZO PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF SALVADORAN INVOLVEMENT  
OR ASSUMES HE HAS NONE AND THEREBY DENIES THE ASSASSINATION  
FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF THE OWN SALVADORAN  
ELEMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME.